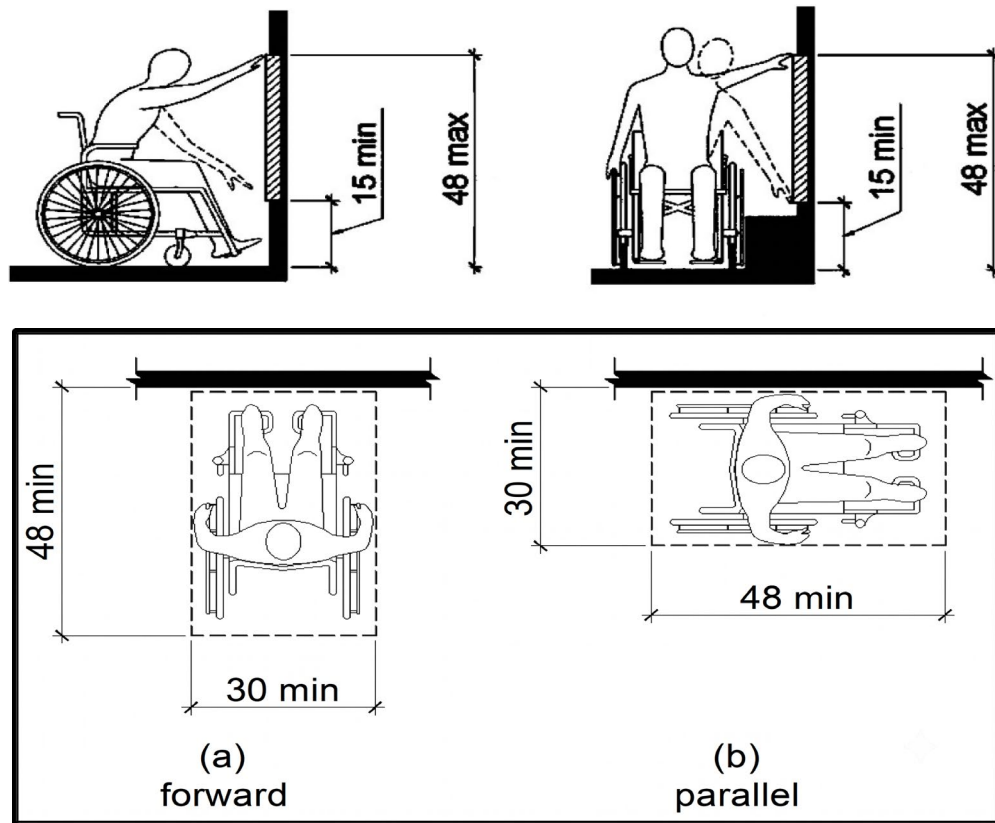


9. Drop Box Features

Sections 11B-603, 11B-604, 11B-606, 11B-609, and 11B-213

Reach Range and Clear Floor Space

The opening and any operating handles on the ballot drop box shall be located between 15 inches minimum and 48 inches maximum above the floor or ground surface. This height range is required to allow for an unobstructed side or forward reach for voters using wheelchairs. To facilitate this reach, a clear floor or ground space of at least 30 inches by 48 inches must be provided at the drop box.



*Note – All measurements are inches.

Figure 45: Diagrams showing the 30 inches by 48 inches clear floor space and unobstructed high and low, forward and side reach range limit measurements.

Operating Controls and Force

If the drop box is equipped with a handle, the hardware shall be operable with one hand and shall not require tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist. The amount of force required to deposit a ballot into the drop box shall be 5 pounds of force (lbf) or less.



Figure 46: Image of multiple drop box styles operable parts not requiring tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist.

Signage

All signage associated with the drop box shall have a non-glare finish (such as matte or eggshell) to reduce reflections and enhance readability. Additionally, signs must have character and symbol colors that contrast with their background (e.g., light-colored characters on a dark background or dark characters on a light background).



Figure 47: Accessible sign showing light characters on a dark background.

Accessible Route and Arrival Points

If a public transportation stop is available within 200 feet of the property line, an accessible route shall be provided from the stop to the drop box. Similarly, if a parking lot is provided at the site, an accessible route shall connect the accessible parking spaces to the drop box location.

In instances where an accessible route from the parking lot is not available, directional signage featuring the International Symbol of Accessibility (ISA) must be used to direct voters to the nearest accessible drop box.



Figure 48: ISA signs directing individuals to the accessible route to a polling place.

The route to the provided drop box shall be assessed including all elements required to get access to the drop box. Those elements may include but are not limited to, parking, signage, doors and hallways, and accessible routes. Requirements for the accessible route may include the slope, cross-slope, overhead clear space, protruding objects, changes in level, and stable, firm, and slip-resistant surfaces, or other accessible route features as explained in Section 2 Accessible Route.